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"THE BLUE FOX"
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SYNOPSIS OF EPISODE 11 "THE WILDS OF ALASKA"

While Robert rides down the cliff after Ann, Tarka starts back to capture Baxter and John. Red has found Ann's horse and ridden off into the woods, keeping hidden. Robert finds Ann, under the wreckage of the stage coach and a friendly farmer offers to take them to his place, a short way distant, until Ann can recover from her harrowing experience. Tarka captures Baxter and John and is just making them fast to a tree when Red rides in and tackles Tarka. Baxter and John get free and join the fight. Quickly they overpower Tarka, knock him out and taking the fox skin, and his horse, they start for Corbin. Red takes one of the stage horses. Reaching the farmer's house, Robert leaves Ann in his care while he goes back to help Tarka. He meets Tarka on the road and learns of his failure. They both go back to the farmers and when they report the situation to Ann, she hurries to the 'phone and 'phones the sheriff in Corbin, who is an old friend of the Calvin's, and asks him to capture Baxter and John and take the fox skin from them. The sheriff and his deputy ride out to a canyon through which the road leads into Corbin, and lie in wait for Baxter, John and Red. Meanwhile the farmer starts to drive to Corbin with Ann, Robert and Tarka.

The sheriff succeeds in capturing Baxter and Red but John makes his escape and the deputy chases him. While Baxter and John are lodged in the ^{Corbin} jail- the sheriff taking the fox skin- John succeeds in tricking the deputy and overpowering him. Then John rides on into Corbin. As he slips in beside the jail, he sees the sheriff examining the fox skin. Carefully, John creeps up behind the sheriff and knocking him out, he takes the skin and a small metal disk which the sheriff has found concealed in the head of the fox skin. Baxter calls to John to free him but John is busily reading the inscription on the disk as follows: "THIS MARK (Z) WILL IDENTIFY MY DAUGHTER AND CALVIN TO TIM WEEKS, THE GUARDIAN OF MY FORTUNE." John gets an inspiration as he sees Ann, Tarka and Robert get out of the farmer's wagon and start toward the jail. He pretends to be sorry for all that has happened and gives Ann the fox skin, asking only that he be allowed to go free. But- he says nothing of the disk he has found.

Ann takes the skin, believing John, and lets him ride away. Baxter rages furiously, knowing that John has double-crossed him.

We next meet them in Alaska. John has found an Indian girl, whom he calls Jane, in a village on the coast, and his intention is to get to the cave in the cliff of the old Charka village, as described on the fox-skin, and there present Jane to Tim Weeks as Ann Calvin. He carefully paints a mark on her arm ~~of~~ like the one on the disk (Z). Meanwhile Ann, Robert and Tarka are packing along the trail, not many miles behind John. And Baxter is just leaving the sea coast village with two Indian guides in search of the old Charka village and the cave which is supposed to contain Calvin's fortune. Reaching the cave, John's scheme works and Tim Weeks accepts the Indian girl as Ann when he sees the mark on her arm and the fake fox skin which John has made in imitation of the real one. He tells them that the treasure is many hours ride from there in another cave and that they will start in the morning. But John, knowing that Ann, Robert and Tarka are close on his heels, insists upon going at once, saying that there are imposters coming. Tim laughs as he says that many others have tried to get the treasure and that he has a prison for them. He shows them an inner cave. In the center of the room there is a crater like formation. John asks about it and Tim says that it was a pocket of natural gas which he has welled over and which is controlled by a lever in the large cave. Then Ann, Tarka and Robert arrive. Robert demands that Tim explain who he is. None of them have expected to find anyone at the cave, knowing nothing of the disk. Ann's very innocence makes her seem guilty of lying when she says that she is Ann Calvin and can offer no proofs other than the word of Robert and Tarka. While Tim shows John and Jane a way of escape from the big cave out on to the trail by means of a tunnel, he tricks Ann, Robert and Tarka into the inner cave. He locks them in but does not turn the gas valve as he is incapable of such brutality to a woman. But John, learning this, makes an excuse to go back into the cave. He quickly turns the lever and hurries back to Tim and Jane. Ann has found an old candle and lighted it while they search for a way of escape. Suddenly, they all smell gas and Ann

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tries to reach the candle to blow it out but as she touches it, the earth is rocked with a tremendous explosion and they are buried in the falling rocks and dirt.

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